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 | SPECIFIC - Dr. Joachim DEUMLING

1. The following information was given by [ZIPPER] to [SYOPIA] in reply to a request. Although they made their reply available to us, [ZIPPER] did not show us the original [SYOPIA] request.

2. (Lt. Col.) Zakaria Aghieedin, Chief of the Egyptian Intelligence Service and Minister of the Interior, is clever and energetic, at the same time modest and without the presumption of the normal Egyptian officer. He has always shown himself open-minded and approachable. He does not belong to the backward Moslems who cut themselves off from all new and foreign things. He lives in good circumstances, but with no outward show. He has always kept to the middle of the road in his political opinions. He does not appear to be an anglophobe. Here, too, he appears to have moderate views along the line of compromise. He does not belong to the radical wing in the revolutionary council.

The Egyptian Army Intelligence Directorate should more properly be called the "Egyptian Armed Forces Intelligence Directorate". The latest German Expert for the EAI is the former SS-RSHA (SD and Gestapo) official Mr. Deumling (fmu) who was brought to Egypt by Voss, has a contract for three years and lives in Heliopolis, 6 Sharia Sultan Silim.

In contrast to the earlier experts in the Egyptian Intelligence Department, who had a purely advisory function on organization and training, Deumling is active in the collection and evaluation of information. Deumling has no contact with the remaining German military experts in Egypt (the General Fahrmbacher group). His activity is screened off from this group and kept secret."

3. There follows a summary of Headquarters traces on DEUMLING:

a. From German Primer: "Obersturmführer Dr. DEUMLING, b. 15.1.10, entered SD (Sicherheitsdienst) in December 1938. SIPO and SD Yugoslavia March 44, increased in July 42. Address: Oppeln, Upper Silesia. SS #187708." 23 Feb 57

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b. Two 1944 GE cards on Dr. Joachim DEUMLING show that he was born 15 January 1910, was an SS Sturmbannfuehrer, was a member of a SIPO (security police) field unit in Jugoslavia. Associate of Hans MERZ.

c. [SIME] interrogation of Hans MERZ, dated January 1944: "Dr. DEUMLING. Regierungsrat and SS Sturmbannfuehrer. SIPO Einsatzkommando, Jugoslavia. Description: Age 35, height 182/4 cm. build very slender. hair blonde. Very thin face, protruding teeth.

"DEUMLING took his doctor's degree in law. Practiced law and joined SIPO only a few years ago. Promoted to C.C. Abteilung IV D2 in RSHA (section of STAB dealing with SIPO in Generalgouvernement). Was removed from office in the spring of 1943, probably because of his share in negotiations with Polish leaders, and transferred to a SIPO Einsatzkommando near Esseg, Croatia. MERZ states that DEUMLING is only a lukewarm Nazi. ----"

-----MERZ blames his misfortune (being under heavy Nazi cloud) largely on SS and Police super-informers. They removed from office some of his former SIPO protectors, chief among them Dr. DEUMLING, C.C. Axt IV D2, who was pushed into action and thus possible liquidation in a SIPO Einsatzkommando (SIPO field unit) in Jugoslavia early in 1943." *

(Note: You may possibly have cards on MERZ, aka Jan VAN DER LINDE, who was interned in the Canal Area in Egypt in 1946, and escaped.)

d. According to a report from [ZIPPER] in 1951, "Dr. DEUMLING of Dusseldorf, former State Police (STAPC) leader in Oppeln" furnished a report to a contact of one August MORITZ, who in turn was discovered to be a Soviet I.G. informant. DEUMLING obtained the information from the BfV (German equivalent of QDENVI), the implication being that he may have been employed by the BfV. The above information on DEUMLING was furnished by MORITZ himself. There is no evidence of whether DEUMLING was or was not aware of MORITZ's RIS connection, or that he even knew MORITZ. The entry concerning subject consisted of some three lines only, and it is impossible to interpret its significance or amplify it.

e. R 173 54, military attache report from Cairo dated 26 June 1954, stated that Dr. (lawyer) Hamel DAUMLING arrived in Egypt 6 months ago as intelligence advisor to the Director of Military Intelligence, Egyptian Army. Both Egyptians and subject kept his arrival in Egypt a secret. When asked about his work he always said he worked for the Minister of Social Affairs.

f. [Q] 5911 (June 1954, classified CONTROL) stated that Dr. Joachim DAUMLING was successor to Ernst ZOLLING as intelligence advisor to the Egyptians. This document said that he was born in Buerhof on 25 January 1910 and that his passport #1325/52 was issued at Dusseldorf. He took the utmost precautions to keep his name from becoming

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known to any travel agency, ticket office or hotel management, explaining to a confidant that he wished to avoid attention of British occupation authorities in Germany and therefore did not travel by air the whole way. His wife, Liselotte, and three daughters are believed to have joined him in Cairo.

g. [ME 6019 (7 July 1954) says that subject was recruited by Wilhelm VOSS in November or December of 1953, and that he is assigned to the Ministry of Interior. In 1944/45 subject was an official in a Berlin security office, probably Section IV of the RSHA, and was possibly holder of an SS rank. Document stated that "it is unlikely that subject will be able to complete his assignment alone and it is believed that he will have official or unofficial assistance of former RSHA staff members with whom he has kept in contact."

h. [NEA] 381 of 23 August 1954 says that Joachim DEUMLING arrived in Egypt from Frankfurt on 15 January 1954, with an Egyptian visa valid for three months, and was staying at the Semiramis. [ME] 261 of 22 September 1954 listed Dr. DEUMLING (6 Sharia Sultan Salim) as one of the German advisors still retained in Egypt.

4. We shall be very interested in any information that your independent assets may be able to develop on DEUMLING and in your estimate of the degree of cooperation between him and Egyptian Intelligence. The ZIPPER desk will be pleased to go back to ZIPPER with a request for additional information, if you wish. Would you want to ask [] or would you want us to ask SMIDPIA for information on subject?



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